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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: TRADOC Policy Letter 8, Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR)

1. Sexual assault (rape, sodomy, and indecent assault) is a crime and violates the Uniform Code of Military Justice and other federal and local civilian laws. Incompatible with Army Values and the Warrior Ethos, it tears at the moral fiber of our unit formations and degrades our readiness.

2. The Department of the Army, in accordance with Department of Defense guidance, established the SAPR Program to eliminate incidents of sexual assault. Outlined in chapter 8 of the Sep 05 revised final draft, AR 600-20, this command program focuses on awareness, education, and training to prevent sexual assault; advocacy and sensitive care for sexual assault victims; and accountability of those who commit these crimes.

3. The Army has established a SAPR Program proponent under Army Community Service to assist commanders with program execution. Commanders have a vital role in the implementation of this program. I expect leaders at every level to create and promote a positive command climate in which sexual assault victims have the confidence in the chain of command and criminal investigators to report these crimes immediately, should they so desire.

4. Commanders must ensure that sexual assault victims are treated with dignity, fairness, and respect for their privacy. Commanders must also recognize that the SAPR Program affords victims the option of confidential and restricted reporting to officials outside the chain of command. The confidential disclosure option for sexual assault victims is critical to our commitment to ensuring that victims of sexual assault are protected, treated with dignity and respect, and provided support, advocacy, and care. The sexual assault confidential reporting option will have a positive impact in bringing all victims forward after a sexual assault.

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5. As leaders, you must monitor the execution of the SAPR Program responsibilities under your jurisdiction and ensure all permanent party Soldiers attend annual SAPR awareness training.

6. HQ TRADOC inspection programs, to include organizational inspection programs, must include a review of SAPR Program requirements. These inspections will occur as part of Deputy Commanding General, Initial Military Training, and Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Training Quality Assurance Accreditation and Inspector General Assessment Visits.

7. It is only through strong commitment and support by our leadership for the SAPR Program that we may remove the specter of sexual assault from within our Army. The Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, Infrastructure, and Logistics will coordinate the effort at HQ TRADOC.

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